TIGERMASK

CHAPTER 9

PRESENTED BY
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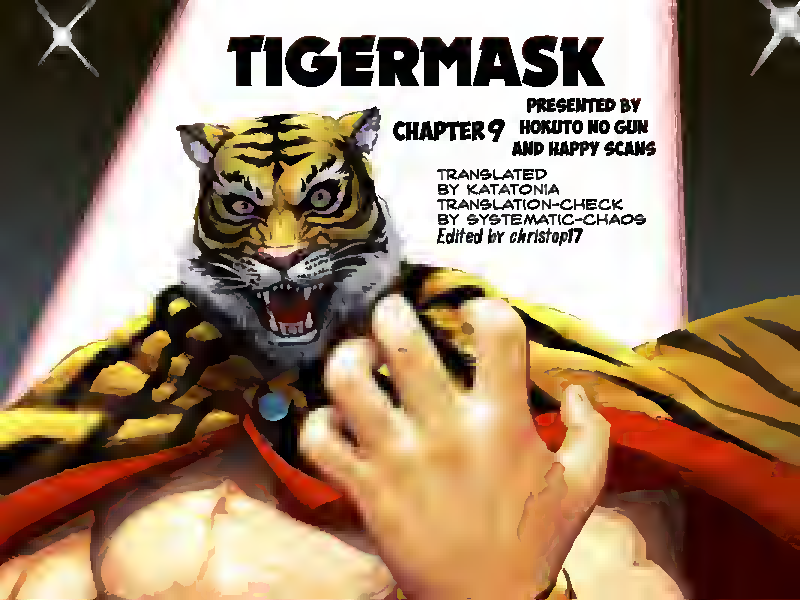

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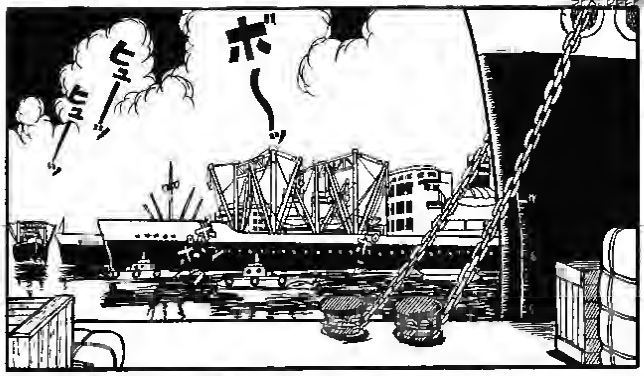

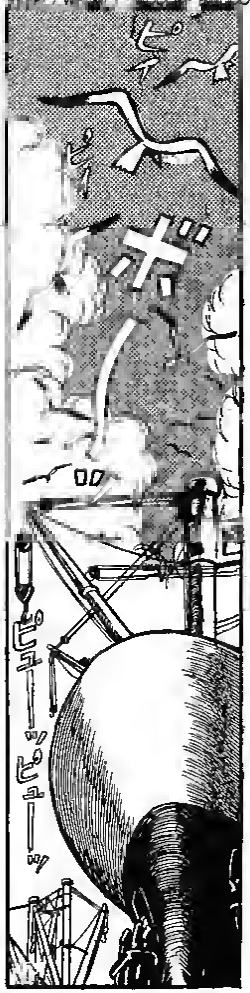

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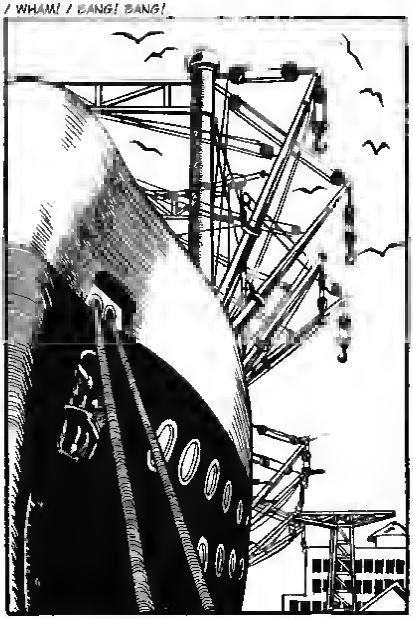

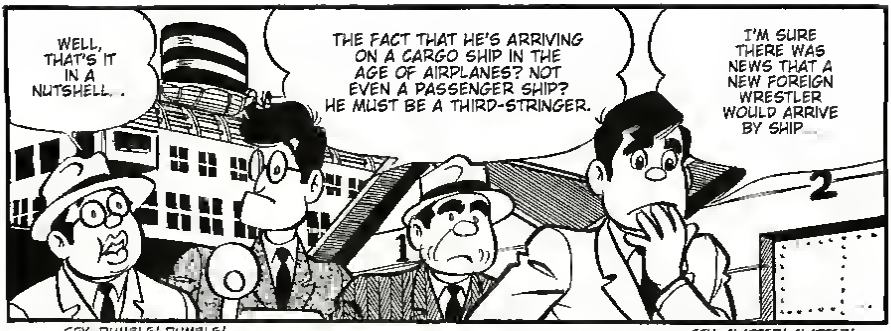
WELL, THAT'S IT IN A NUTSHELL...
THE FACT THAT HE'S ARRIVING ON A CARGO SHIP IN THE AGE OF AIRPLANES? NOT EVEN A PASSENGER SHIP? HE MUST BE A THIRD-STRINGER.
I'M SURE THERE WAS NEWS THAT A NEW FOREIGN WRESTLER WOULD ARRIVE BY SHIP...
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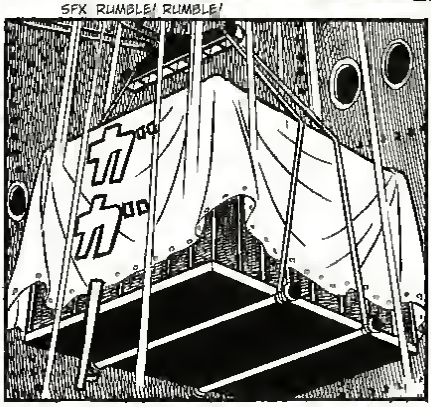
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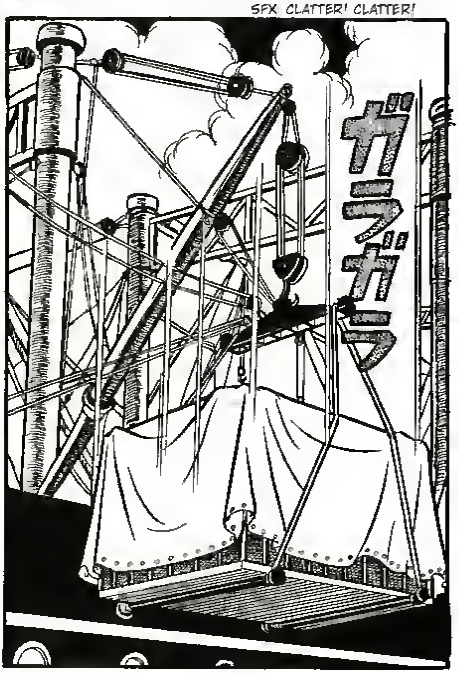
SFX CLATTER! CLATTER!
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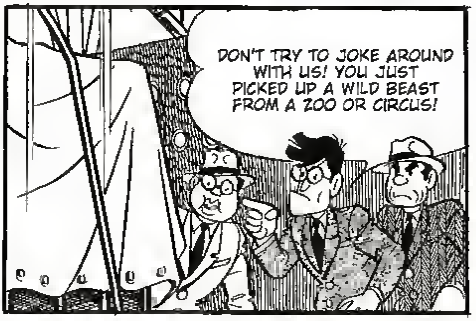
WHAT WAS THAT!?
AHHH!

HUHHH?
HEHEHE... THE WRESTLER YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR IS INSIDE THIS CAGE!


DON'T TRY TO JOKE AROUND WITH US! YOU JUST PICKED UP A WILD BEAST FROM A ZOO OR CIRCUS!

YOU EXPECT US TO BELIEVE THERE'S A WRESTLER IN THAT CAGE? YOU'RE TAKING THIS JOKE WAY TOO FAR!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
HEHEHE... I NEED TO GIVE HIM A SNACK BEFORE I INTRODUCE YOU. OTHERWISE, HE'LL BE IN A BAD MOOD.
MUNCH! MUNCH!
MUNCH! MUNCH!
SFX: POOF!
NO...
MAYBE A PANTHER? OR A TIGER!?
A LION!?
GULP!

AND HE'S A TERRIFYING WRESTLER DESTINED FOR THE CONQUEST OF THE WRESTLING WORLD SHORTLY!
HE'S DEFINITELY HUMAN
WHAT DID YOU SAY? ARE YOU IMPLYING THAT THIS WRESTLER WILL FACE TIGER MASK!?
TIGER MASK!?
HE YEARNS TO DEVOUR A TIGER'S FLESH! THE FLESH OF TIGER MASK, THAT IS!
FOR STARTERS, RABBIT MEAT WON'T BE NEARLY SUFFICIENT...
SFX. LIFT!
OHHH!
AHHH!
NOW, ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE YOU ALL!
EXAC-TLY!

WHAT IS THAT!?
UHHN!
GWAUGHHH!
Y-YOU'RE KIDDING..
I-IS THAT REALLY A HUMAN?
HEHE HE...
THAT HE IS... BUT PERHAPS IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO CALL HIM A "BEAST MAN"...
HEHEHE... THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO TRANSPORT HIM!
HE'S RIGHT! ISN'T IT INHUMANE TO TRANSPORT HIM IN A CARGO SHIP, LOCKED IN A CAGE?
B... BUT IF HE'S A MAN, WHY NOT TREAT HIM LIKE ONE...?

THE CAGE AND CHAINS ARE HERE TO PROTECT YOU! TRY SETTING THIS MAN LOOSE...
WHAT'S MORE
HIS BODY IS TOO BIG TO FIT THROUGH THE DOOR OF A PASSENGER SHIP. .
B-BUT REGARDLESS. .
STOP IT! THAT'S NOT FUNNY AT ALL!
AIEEE!
HE WOULD MUTILATE YOU ALL AT A DROP OF A DIME!
HE WAS KIDNAPPED AND RAISED BY WOLVES AS AN INFANT, AND HE BECAME A BEAST IN ALL RESPECTS...
WHERE DID YOU GET THIS SO-CALLED BEAST-MAN FROM?
PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING IS A CIVILIZED SPORT!
I'M SURE YOU'VE ALL HEARD THE STORY OF THE FERAL BOY. .
ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN! AHEM!

HE PROBABLY WAS THE SON OF WHITE EXPLORERS WHO WERE ALL KILLED BY THE NATIVES OR WILD BEASTS ..
THIS WRESTLER IS A LIVING LEGEND, WHO WAS RAISED FROM INFANCY BY GORILLAS!
AND THAT LEADS US TO HIM!
AND BY VIRTUE OF EITHER EATING HIS FOSTER PARENTS' DIET, OR BY A QUIRK OF BIRTH, HE REACHED THIS SIZE!
WHATEVER THE CASE, HE'S INHERITED THE VIOLENCE OF THE MOUNTAIN GORILLAS..
AND WAS BOUGHT BY OUR WRESTLERS' TRAINING CENTER .. HEHEHE..
THEN HE FELL INTO A TRAP SET BY THE NATIVES. .
UHHN...
HUH!?
AND HIS RING NAME IS GORILLA MAN!

NOT EVEN THE WORLD CHAMP CAN GRAPPLE WITH A MOUNTAIN GORILLA CAPABLE OF TEARING A LION ASUNDER!
YOU ARE CORRECT!
B-BUT NOT EVEN A FIRST-RATE WRESTLER CAN TAKE ON SOMEONE THAT SIZE...
B... BUT WHY TIGER MASK?
HIS OBJECTIVE IS TO KILL TIGER MASK! HEHHEHEHE...
OH, BUT THERE'S A REASON GORILLA MAN IS IN JAPAN!
SFX. SNAP!
WELL... HEHEHE... I'M SURE TIGER MASK WOULD KNOW!
GROWL!

AIEEE!
WAHHH!
AHHH!
OHHH!
WHEN THEY'VE DONE SO, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WILL RUSH TO SEE TIGER MASK TORN TO PIECES BEFORE THEIR VERY EYES. EHHEHHEHE...
HEHEHE... THEY ALL FLED IN TERROR. I'M SURE THOSE REPORTERS WILL WRITE SENSATIONAL ARTICLES...
SFX: YEAH! YEAH! YEAH!
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SIGN: KIDDIE HOUSE
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AND THERE'S THE PITCH!
HERE I GO!
OKAY
SFX CRACK!
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ON IT!
NAOTO, IT'S YOURS! CATCH IT!
IT'S A PITCHER'S BALL!
SFX. YEAH! YEAH! YEAH!

SFX: AIEEE! AIEEE!
SFX: STOMP
SFX: SLAM!
FIRST BASE SAFE!
SFX BONK!
THIRD BASE RUNNING START!
HOME IN SAFE!
NAOTO, THERE'S NO TIME TO SLEEP! THROW IT HOME, QUICK!
THAT'S A FREEBIE IF I EVER SAW ONE! HEHHEHEHE!
GRR-RRR...
YAY! WE DID IT! WE DID IT!
SFX PAT! PAT!

OKAY!
AH!
DUMMY!
THE BALL'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOUR HAT!
AND WE GOT THREE WALK-INS HEHEHE!
YOU'VE THROWN 24 BALLS IN A ROW FOR SIX WALKS!
YOU'VE GOT PRACTICALLY NO REFLEXES!
TSK! YOU'RE REALLY GETTING ON MY NERVES!
TIME OUT!
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YOU CAN'T EVEN CATCH AN EASY POP FLY!
AND WHEN YOU FINALLY MANAGE TO GET THE BALL TO CROSS HOME PLATE...
WE GOT THIS GAME IN THE BAG!
AND WE HAVEN'T EVEN GOT A SINGLE OUT!
WE GET ANOTHER RUN WITH THE BASES LOADED!

COME HERE FOR A SEC...
C'MON! C'MON!
THAT'S CLEARLY A FOUR!
HEY, DON'T TREAT ME LIKE AN IDIOT!
THIS ONE ...?
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YOU KNOW WHAT THIS NUMBER IS?
TAKE A LOOK!
AND WHAT'S WORSE IS THAT WE'RE UP AGAINST AN ALL-GIRL TEAM!
I'M STARTING TO WORRY ABOUT HOW THE REST OF THE GAME WILL GO!
PLUS THEY'VE GOT NO OUTS, AND THE BASES ARE LOADED!
EXACTLY! THEY GOT FOUR POINTS IN THE FIRST INNING!
Ahem!
NOW YOU'D BETTER SHAPE UP!
SFX: PAT!

HIDING HIS SUPERHUMAN REFLEXES AND MAKING MISTAKES MUST BE DIFFICULT...
BUT IF TIGER MASK IS REALLY NAOTO...
IF... NO, I CAN TELL FROM HIS ARM MUSCLES...
HUH? WHAT DO YOU WANT, THIRD BASEMAN KENTA?
WAIT A SEC, YOU LOUSY PITCHER!
HERE, LET'S TRADE PLACES
I-I NEVER MEANT THAT!
YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO ACT LIKE AN ACE JUST BECAUSE YOU DONATED THIS SOFTBALL GEAR!
SWITCH OUT WITH ME. I'M GETTING SICK JUST WATCHING YOU!
WHAT'S MY POSITION NOW?
BY THE WAY...
UMPIRE WAKATSUKI, KENTA'S TAKING MY PLACE.

BUT I DON'T THINK ANY OF THE GIRLS HAVE IT IN THEM.
YES, YOU. IF SOMEONE HITS A HOME RUN OVER THE FENCE, YOU HAVE TO CLIMB OVER IT AND FIND THE BALL.
BAT BOY... ME?
LET'S SEE... I THINK YOU'D MAKE A GREAT BAT BOY!
AT LEAST THAT'S BETTER THAN BEING A BAT BOY...
OKAY...
SO WHY DON'T YOU COVER THE RIGHT FIELD, WHERE NEXT TO NO ONE HITS!
WELL, THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY, BUT YOU DID BUY US THE GEAR...
THIS IS TOO MUCH...
Y-YOU'RE SO CRUEL...
SFX. SHROOOOM!
ALRIGHT, HERE I COME!
SFX. PAT
YOU'RE SO COOL, KENTA!
YEAH! THAT'S THE WAY, PITCHER!
STRIKE!

SFX: SLAM!
HE RAN AWAY FROM THE HOUSE JUST TO SEE MY MATCH WITH BLACK PYTHON. THAT WAS THE FIRST MATCH THAT I WON WITHOUT CHEATING.
YEAH! WAY TO GO, KENTA!
KENTA NEVER USED TO PLAY WITH THE OTHERS... BUT NOW HE'S BECOME SUCH AN ACTIVE BOY...
SFX: CRACK!
THAT ALONE MADE THE DEATH MATCH WORTHWHILE...
NAOTO!
RIGHT FIELD! RIGHT FIELD!

HUH!?
NAOTO! DON'T JUST STAND THERE!
...
SFX: DASH! DASH! DASH! DASH!
HAH!
I'M ON IT!
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SFX: BANG!
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THE RIGHT FIELDER MISSED THE BALL!
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SFX. BONK!
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HURRY UP! LET'S RUN FOR IT!
SFX: YEAH! YEAH! YEAH! YEAH!

Huh!?
STOP!
Home...
SFX: MMFFH... MMFFH! MMFFH!
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NAOTO CAUGHT THE BALL IN HIS MOUTH!
BACK TO YOUR BASES!
NAOTO! HURRY AND THROW IT HOME!
TCH. I GUESS THAT MEANS I'M OUT...

HOME! THAT'S FIVE POINTS!
I'VE GOT TO SLIDE HOME!
NOW THAT I'VE GONE BACK TO BASE, WHILE THE RIGHT FIELDER'S STILL OUT...
SFX: STOMP!
RUNNER FROM SECOND BASE... HOME!
RUNNER FROM FIRST BASE... HOME! SEVEN POINTS...
IT'S STUCK! WE CAN'T GET IT OUT!
SFX: STOMP!
YOU JUST GOT AN UPSET STOMACH! YOU SHOULD BE RESTING...
TOPPO? WHAT HAPPENED?
BAD NEWS! BAD NEWS! TIGER MASK IS IN DANGER!
DAMMIT! THIS IS CRAZY! I'VE HAD ENOUGH!
WHAT HAPPENED?
WHAT? TIGER MASK IS IN DANGER?
I QUIT! I'M NOT PLAYING ANYMORE!

Huh!?
WHOA! GORILLA MAN!
JUST LOOK AT THE PAPER!
HMM?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH SOMEONE WHO CAN'T EVEN PLAY SOFTBALL!
IS HE THE SECOND EXECUTIONER SENT BY THE TIGER'S DEN...?
"GORILLA MAN", THE MONSTER OF THE CENTURY!
A SUDDEN ASSAULT ON JAPAN, SEEKING A SHOWDOWN WITH TIGER MASK!
NAOTO, WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU? YOU'VE GONE PALE...

THE NEWSPAPER SAID THAT GORILLA MAN WILL GIVE A LIVE DEMONSTRATION!
HE'S NOT JUST MY FAVORITE WRESTLER! TIGER MASK IS MY DREAM! MY HERO! MY GOD!
O-OH, IT'S NOTHING.. JUST THAT KENTA'S FAVORITE WRESTLER TIGER MASK IS IN TROUBLE...
US TOO!
I'M GONNA GO WATCH THE TV!
TIGER MASK...
IF TIGER MASK CAN KEEP ON WINNING WITHOUT CHEATING... THEN I KNOW I CAN...
I DON'T WANT YOU TO LOSE!
AHH, MY TIGER MASK!

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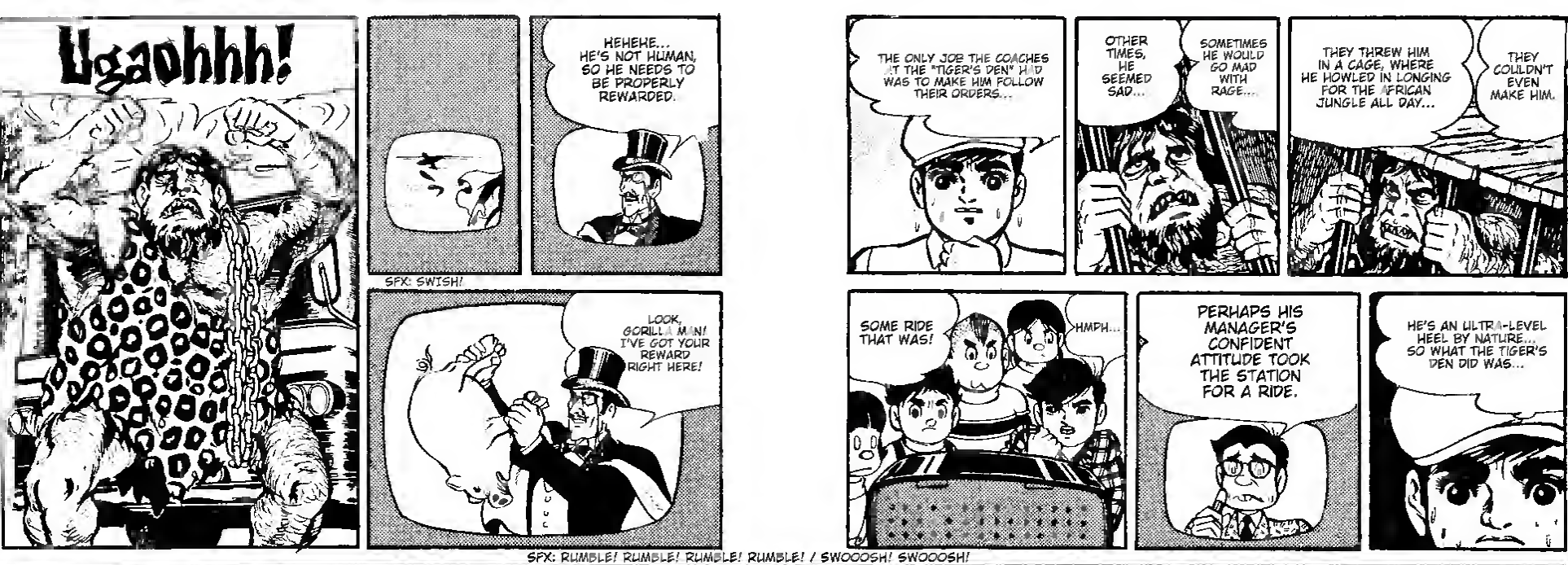
SFX CLICK!
I CAN BE BRAVE ENOUGH TO KEEP LIVING STRONG AND HONEST, EVEN IF I DON'T HAVE A MOTHER OR A FATHER...!
GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! WE'RE HERE IN MEIJI TEMPLE'S OUTER GARDEN...
IT'S STARTING! PROFESSOR, NAOTO, COME OVER HERE QUICK!
IS ABOUT TO SHOW OFF HIS SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH!
WHERE GORILLA MAN, THE MONSER OF THECENTURY WHO HASSUDDENLY CHALLENGED JAPAN...
THE CAMERA IS NOW PANNING A ROW OF FIVE BUSES FULL OF PASSENGERS...

THE MONSTROUS GORILLA MAN! ACCORDING TO HIS MANAGER, HE IS ABLE TO PULL THESE FIVE TOUR BUSES FILLED WITH HUMAN BEINGS!
AND RIGHT AT THE FRONT OF THIS ROW OF BUSES IS...
YEAH RIGHT! HE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO PULL THAT STUNT OFF!
WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE GORILLA MAN'S NOT ALL THAT MOTIVATED. I GUESS THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE, EVEN FOR A BEAST-MAN.
HE WAS PURCHASED FROM AFRICA'S NATIVES... BUT HE NEVER UNDERWENT THE LETHAL TRAINING WE WERE SUBJECTED TO... NO...
HE CAME SHORTLY AFTER MY ARRIVAL IN THE TIGER'S DEN...
GORILLA MAN...
OF COURSE HE CAN'T DO IT...


Ugaohhh!
HEHEHE... HE'S NOT HUMAN, SO HE NEEDS TO BE PROPERLY REWARDED.
SFX: SWISH!
LOOK, GORILLA MAN! I'VE GOT YOUR REWARD RIGHT HERE!
THE ONLY JOB THE COACHES AT THE "TIGER'S DEN" HAD WAS TO MAKE HIM FOLLOW THEIR ORDERS...
OTHER TIMES, HE SEEMED SAD...
SOMETIMES HE WOULD GO MAD WITH RAGE...
THEY THREW HIM IN A CAGE, WHERE HE HOWLED IN LONGING FOR THE AFRICAN JUNGLE ALL DAY...
THEY COULDN'T EVEN MAKE HIM.
SOME RIDE THAT WAS!
HMPH...
PERHAPS HIS MANAGER'S CONFIDENT ATTITUDE TOOK THE STATION FOR A RIDE.
HE'S AN ULTRA-LEVEL HEEL BY NATURE... SO WHAT THE TIGER'S DEN DID WAS...
SFX: RUMBLE! RUMBLE! RUMBLE! RUMBLE! / SWOOOSH! SWOOOSH!
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AIEEEEE!
OHHH! GORILLA MAN'S FACE STARTED BRIMMING WITH ENERGY... AND LOOK! THE FIVE TOUR BUSES ARE STARTING TO MOVE!
UHEH!
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GOOD! HERE'S YOUR REWARD!
FIVE METERS... TEN METERS... HE'S STILL PULLING THEM!
W-WOW!
SFX RIP!
SFX GRAB!
ONLY IF HE DEFEATED THE OPPONENT THEY ORDERED! THIS WAS THE TIGER DEN'S HEARTLESS TACTIC FOR TRAINING HIM...
THE TIGER'S DEN ALWAYS KEPT HIM STARVING, AND TRAINED HIM TO LEARN THAT HE COULD EAT TO HIS HEART'S CONTENT...
THAT'S IT!
OH MY!
SFX: MUNCH! MUNCH! MUNCH!
PRECISELY!
YES!
NOT TO MENTION THAT THE MOUNTAIN GORILLAS THAT RAISED GORILLA MAN ARE HERBIVORES... SO THIS MAKES GORILLA MAN EVEN MORE FRIGHTENING!
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G-GORILLA MAN IS DEVOURING THAT PIGLET!

HAH HAHA HA!
AND IF HE GETS HIM IN A THIGH-SPLITTER, HE COULD SPLIT TIGER MASK IN HALF!
SHOULD HE LOCK TIGER MASK IN A HEADLOCK... HE COULD CRUSH HIS HEAD TO BITS!
NOW YOU'VE SEEN THE HERCULEAN STRENGTH OF GORILLA MAN.
HUH?
NAOTO!
THAT'S ENOUGH!
THAT'S WHY SHE WANTS ME TO RUN TO HAWAII...
DAMN ..! RURIKO MUST HAVE REALIZED THAT TIGER MASK AND I ARE THE SAME PERSON...
YOU'VE DONE SO MUCH FOR US THAT I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH, BUT DON'T YOU THINK YOU'D BETTER GO BACK TO HAWAII?
HE'S RIGHT, RURIKO.
WHEN YOU'RE HERE, RURIKO?
HOW EVER COULD I LEAVE JAPAN,
W-WELL, THAT'S NOT VERY KIND OF YOU!

I GUESS RURIKO REALLY DOESN'T LIKE ME...
AHH, WHAT A SHOCK!
DOESN'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING
MY SILLY BROTHER..
HOW COULD YOU SAY THAT TO THE MAN WHO GOT THE DEED TO THE HOUSE BACK?
WELL, I SUPPOSE I'D BETTER LEAVE FOR THE DAY!
SFX: SNIFF! SNIFF!
H-HE'S CRYING AGAIN...
SFX: VROOOOOM!
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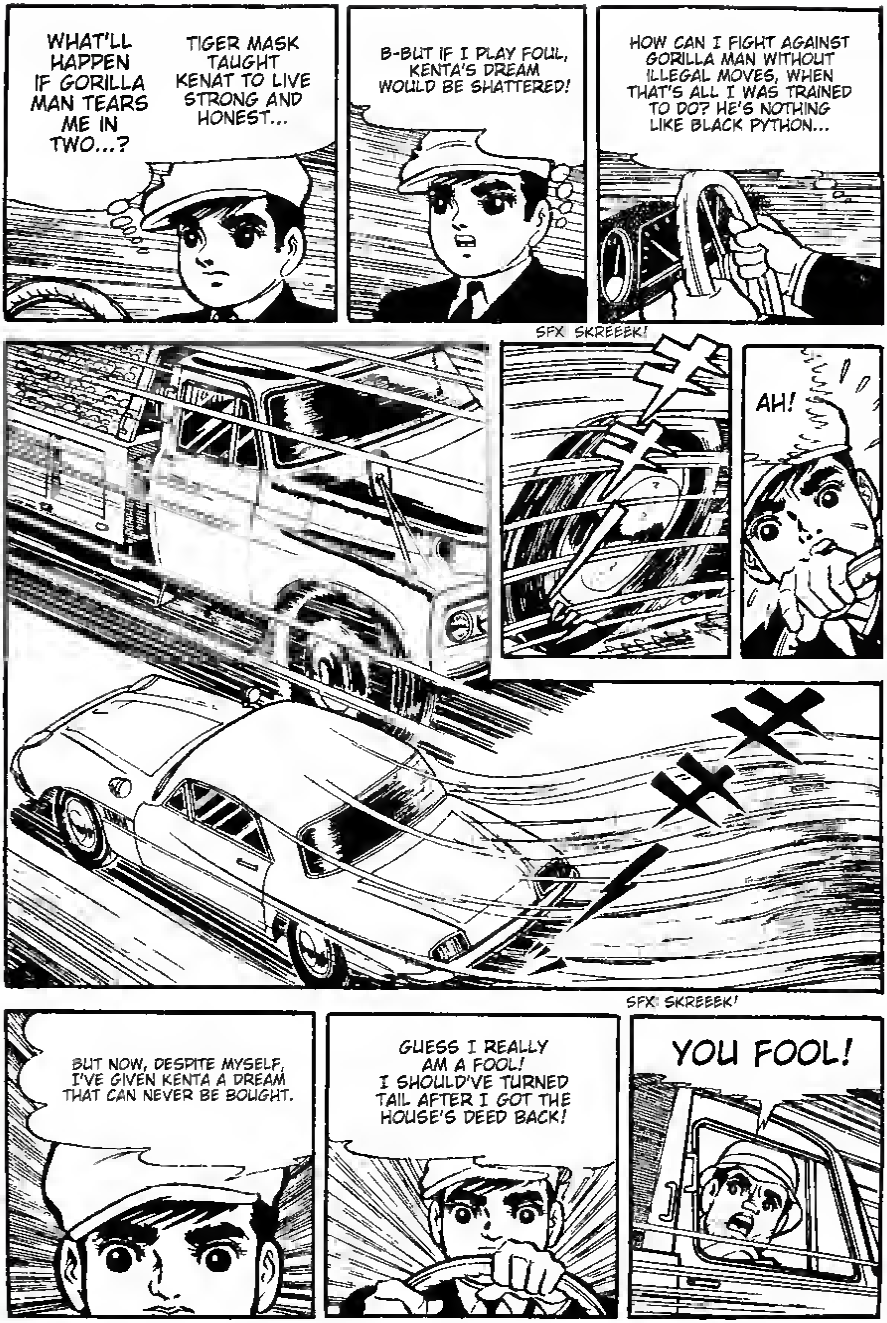
SFX: SKREEEK!


WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF GORILLA MAN TEARS ME IN TWO...?
TIGER MASK TAUGHT KENAT TO LIVE STRONG AND HONEST...
B-BUT IF I PLAY FOUL, KENTA'S DREAM WOULD BE SHATTERED!
HOW CAN I FIGHT AGAINST GORILLA MAN WITHOUT ILLEGAL MOVES, WHEN THAT'S ALL I WAS TRAINED TO DO? HE'S NOTHING LIKE BLACK PYTHON...
SFX SKREEEK!
AH!
SFX: SKREEEK!
BUT NOW, DESPITE MYSELF, I'VE GIVEN KENTA A DREAM THAT CAN NEVER BE BOUGHT.
GUESS I REALLY AM A FOOL! I SHOULD'VE TURNED TAIL AFTER I GOT THE HOUSE'S DEED BACK!
YOU FOOL!

FIGHT TAZMO

To my fellow fans -

Recently, a member of the community named Blud typed out a informative, and well written page that detailed the exploits of Narutofan creator Tazmo.

The point of this was to further spread the awareness of who Tazmo is, what he does, and why it is wrong. However, things like these tend to eventually need updating, and that is why this has been typed out.

What Blud stated is all very correct. However, it must be brought to everyones attention that Tazmo has expanded into full blown, stand alone websites that he has referred to as "revolutionary services".

http://www.anime-plus.com

and

http://www.manga-plus.com

These websites seek to misinform manga and anime fans across the world into believing that his services are fair, the only one of their kind, and more secure than using other resources such as IRC or BitTorrent to get what you want.

The truth is as follows: Tazmo himself uses IRC and BitTorrent to get the files on his websites. He uses the FREE resources that every single one of you can also use, so that he can charge you various fees for getting what is FREE.

Tazmo is profiteering off of a FREE service provided by various members of the anime and manga community who donate their spare time to bring the latest manga and anime to you for FREE. They donate their time, work, and abilities in various areas, as well as use their own bandwidth to serve files.

There are various FREE ways to get and read the manga you want. There are free online readers such as http://www.onemanga.com as well as http://www.mangahut.com.

There are also resource websites such as http://www.mangahelpers.com, http://www.mangashare.com, as well as database resource sites such as http://www.mangaupdates.com.

There are thousands of people who work thousands of hours weekly to bring you the manga you love to read, as well as the anime you love to watch. They do it not to make a profit, but for FREE as a FREE service to the community that we all love very much. **EVERYTIME TAZMO MAKES MONEY OFF OF THEIR HARD WORK HE NOT ONLY INSULTS THEM, BUT INSULTS ALL THOSE WHO PAY FOR HIS SERVICE. Do the right thing, stop supporting Tazmo.**

Drafted by Kaleb. Inspired by Blud. Free distribution with any releases is encouraged.
Fight Tazmo. Put this and Blud's page in your releases to get the word out.